

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Summer Flounder Regulatory Scoping



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### We have to take reductions for 2010

- Harvest estimates indicate that we must take a 23.6% reduction for 2010
- The target number of fish for 2010 is 75,000 fish, an increase from 61,000 in 2009
- Because we will be increasing the size, we are able to increase the number of days in the existing season

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The ASMFC Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup Management Board did not approve the option with a split area minimum size, at the Technical Committee's recommendation:

- "The Technical Committee does not approve adoption of option 1; the sample sizes and data available are insufficient to evaluate regulations with area/mode splits."
- The split minimum size by area has been in effect since 2005. From 2007-2009 we failed to meet or stay below our summer flounder target.



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### Options for 2010 summer flounder regulations:

	Season Dates	Creel/ Size Limit, Statewide	Total Reduction
Option 1	April 17 to September 21	3 fish 18.5 inches	24.5%
Option 2	April 24 to September 24	3 fish 18.5 inches	24.5%
Option 3	June 8 to October 30	3 fish 18.5 inches	24.5%
Option 4	May 22 to October 16	3 fish 18.5 inches	24.5%
Option 5	April 17 to November 22	3 fish 19 inches	24.5%



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